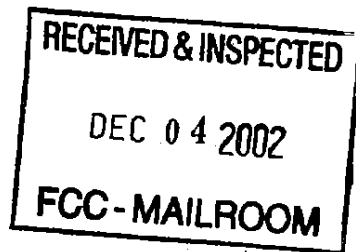


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I am writing to express my opposition to your plan to allow single ownership for newspapers, radio stations and tv stations in a single market. In order for democracy to function effectively, we need public information from a variety of sources. Today there are already too many tv and radio stations owned by single companies. The rules of ownership have been weakened considerably over the past few years. It will be devastating to weaken them even more.

In the area I live in, there is only one newspaper (owned by Gannett); the radio stations are now mostly owned by two single corporations and at least two tv stations are owned by one company. If we have all the media (radio, tv, and newspapers) owned by one or two companies there will be no chance to get unbiased information. It will also prevent competition for news which will cause complacency among news providers further destroying the public's right to know.

Please do not allow any further weakening of ownership rules. In fact, I actually favor tightening the regulations so no one company can own more than two radio stations or one tv and one radio station in a market. Certainly no entity should own a newspaper and either a radio or tv station.

There are those of us in this country that still care about getting unbiased news and making up our own minds on issues. We do not want large corporations controlling what we hear and read.

Yours truly,

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